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Serial No.: 09/938,158 ) Customer No.: 00919  
Filed: August 23, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 3627  
Confirmation No.: 1250 ) Examiner: Andrew J. Rudy  
Title: SECURE TAX METER AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER  
CENTER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON  
SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG

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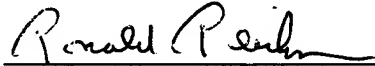
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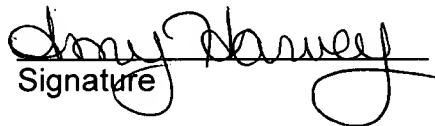
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